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March 15, 2019

Mr. Ron Davis Caliper Construction P.O. Box 1719 Las Cruces, NM 88011

Re: Caliper Construction /Sonoma Ranch East Phase 9; CGP; SIC 1521; NPDES Compliance

Evaluation Inspection; NPDES #NMR1000NX; February 13, 2019

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) conducted at your facility on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

You are encouraged to review the inspection report, required to correct any problems noted during the inspection, and advised to modify your operational and/or administrative procedures, as appropriate. If you have comments on or concerns with the basis for the findings in the NMED inspection report, please contact us (see the address below) in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter. Further, you are encouraged to notify in writing both the USEPA and NMED regarding modifications and compliance schedules at the addresses below:

Robert Houston
US Environmental Protection Agency, Suite 1200
Enforcement Branch (6EN-WS)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Sarah Holcomb, Program Manager New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau Point Source Regulation Section P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 If you have any questions about this inspection report, please contact Jennifer Foote at (505)827-0596 or at Jennifer.Foote@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Holcomb

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Cc: Carol Peters-Wagnon, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail David Long, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail Amy Andrews, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail David Esparza, USEPA (6EN-WM) by e-mail Robert Houston, USEPA (6EN-WS) by e-mail Darlene Whitten-Hill, USEPA (6EN-WC) by e-mail Nancy Williams, USEPA (6EN-WC) by e-mail Mike Kesler, NMED District III by e-mail Jakob Kidd, City of Las Cruces by email Russell Mehan, Caliper Construction by email



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Caliper Construction Inc Sonoma Ranch East Phase 9 Compliance Evaluation Inspection February 13, 2019 NPDES Permit No. NMR1000NX Further Explanations

Introduction:

On February 13, 2019, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted by Jennifer Foote of the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB), accompanied by Jacob Kidd and Peter Bennett, both of City of Las Cruces, at the Sonoma Ranch East Phase 9 Project. This inspection was in response to a complaint and the purpose of this inspection was to document the facility's status regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.26 and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Stormwater Construction General Permit (CGP). Storm water from this site discharges into the Las Cruces MS4. This site discharges stormwater to South Fork Las Cruces Arroyo and thence to Rio Grande in Segment 20.6.4.101 of the State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

The NMED performs a certain number of inspections for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region VI, under the NPDES permit program, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act. USEPA uses these inspections to determine compliance with the NPDES permit program. This inspection report is based on information provided by the permittee's representatives, observations made by NMED staff, and records and reports kept by the permittee and/or NMED.

Observations Summary:

The project is the construction of residential homes in Las Cruces NM. There are multiple phases and builders in the general area. Sonoma Ranch LLC (NMR1000NV) and Caliper Construction (NMR1000NX) previously had permit coverage for this area under the 2017 CGP. The SWPPP prepared for the project area did not include information on how NPDES permit responsibility would be transferred to developers. Sonoma Ranch LLC submitted their NOT on 10/16/18. Caliper Construction had issues with the electronic system and their NOT submittal was not completed.

Inspection Findings:

Caliper Construction was the general grading contractor and completed their work at this site in October 2018. Operational control of the site was transferred to Sonoma Ranch LLC and portions of the site were sold and taken over by individual homebuilders. The Caliper Construction NOT was successfully submitted 2/26/19.